

NSS COLLEGE OTTAPALAM

Best Practices, 2018-19

1. Title of the Practice: Eco conscious Campus Community

Vision: Greening the World –Local to Universal

Mission: To develop a culture of planting and conserving native flora and fauna.
To create an ecologically conscious society.

Goal: The institution has a multi-pronged approach to the maintenance of the green campus.

- To sensitize students towards a plastic free campus.
- To create a tobacco/smoking free and safe environment within campus.
- To promote community/ family farming practices.
- To conduct Green Audit.
- To improve quality and quantity of ground water resources.
- To foster a habit of optimum use of natural resources.
- To create awareness of the need to use organic seeds. Distribution of such indigenous seeds was done in the campus.

Structure: The institution realizes these goals through a number of clubs and committees spearheaded by faculty members with the active participation of the student community. The Nature Club, NSS volunteers, Bhoomithrasena Club with the Departments of Botany and Zoology are committed towards these ends.

Context: The widespread campus comprising of 40 acres are located in a rural area of the Palakkad district, primarily agrarian in its nature. Students from all classes take the benefit of this learning centre committed to its green ideology. With towns swallowing the countryside, the effect of pollution has made its presence felt even in this rural hamlet. In such a context a green and ecofriendly campus is relevant not only from the point of view of physiological and psychological health of the youth, but also of the well being of the entire community.

Practice: The Institution has conducted the following programs:

Sl no	Club	Program	Date	Funding/ collaborating Agency	Amount	Students Participated
1	Bhoomithrasena Club	Environment Day Celebration- Essay competition & Medicinal Plant Exhibition	5.6.2018	Government of Kerala	Rs.10,000/-	90
2	Biodiversity Club and Albatross Nature Club	Two-day workshop on Parataxonomy; Fish monitoring Program of River. <i>Thootha</i> Intercollegiate Quiz Competition on Environment	18-19 th Sept 2018 January 2019 February 2019	Kerala State Biodiversity Board NGO- <i>Puzha</i> Kerala State Council for Science, Technology & Environment	Rs.20,000/- - Rs. 18,000/-	150 20 110
3	Albatross Nature Club	Green Audit	-	-	-	180
4	NSS	Garden Cleaning Initiative	15-9-2018	-	-	200
5	NSS	Planting of vegetable seedlings in the premises of the Ladies Hostel	19.9.2018	-	-	200
6	College Union	Gandhi Jayanti week Observation	October 2018	-	-	1400

Evidence of Success: The College has maintained the pristine state of nature in the campus. A rich biodiversity of flora and fauna is protected and conserved by a dedicated team of workers. The faculty members are involved in tree planting schemes in association with the forest department and the Government of Kerala. There is a functional and active Nature club that works very hard to organize various events at regular intervals. All this has resulted in a continuing generation of conscientious green soldiers/students who are aware of the hazards and risks of harming the Earth.

Problems encountered and Resources: There is a lack of sufficient financial resources to conduct various programs.

2. Title: Social Responsibility as a Way of Life

Vision: To educate and to train students to be efficient, empathetic, and socially responsible.

Mission: To inculcate social values and ethics among younger generation.

Goal:

- Surveys for Flood Relief activities.
- Rebuild Survey for Government of Kerala
- Collection and distribution of flood relief materials.
- To conduct Science exhibitions and Interactive programs for Higher Secondary students.
- To contribute to Palliative Care, Old Age homes.
- Exhibition-cum –sale of Handicrafts by Departments of Hindi and Commerce and eco-friendly products by Department of Economics.

Structure: The NSS coordinators and its 200 volunteers and various departments of the institution under the aegis of the Principal organizes various activities to inculcate among the students, social and moral responsibility towards all underprivileged sections of society.

Context: The Institution right from its inception and the precepts of the Founder has always advocated for social emancipation of all irrespective of class, caste, or creed. The founding principles laid down by our forefathers have set our trajectory even to this day. The College and all the faculty, students, and administrative staff are united in this endeavor.

Practice: The College and its various Cells have organized many programs:

Sl no	Club	Program	Date	Students Participated
1	College Union	Flood Relief Cleaning program	12.8.2018; 18.8.2018	60
2	NSS	Collection and distribution of materials to Relief Camp	20.8.2018- 11.9.2018	200
3	Departments- Economics and Commerce	Rebuild survey for Govt. of Kerala	13.9.2018- 24.9/2018	100
4	Science Club	Exhibition and Demonstration for Higher Secondary school students	27 th and 28 th Feb 2019	620
5	Hindi Department	Exhibition cum sale of handicrafts	18.12.2018	95
6	Economics Department	<i>Sharanalayam</i> Visit on world Citizen Day	23.8.2018	160
7	Economics Department	<i>Haritham</i> - Exhibition cum sale on eco friendly products	31.7.2018	160
8	Commerce Department	<i>INSPIRO</i> - Exhibition cum sale	1.3.2019	160

Evidence of Success: A self-centered generation especially the youth is a bane of any society. The conduct of multi variegated programs, first hand experiences of natural calamities, meeting people who have overcome these disasters are some of the ways the students of our campus have

learnt valuable lessons for life. These experiences have changed their outlook on life and given them new goals to set. Values and ethics have become a part of their personality and changed their attitude towards society.

Problems encountered and Resources: Constraint due to lack of funds, a busy semester schedule, and natural disaster like floods have affected academics as well as various participatory activities of the student community.